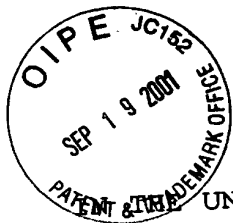


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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
Tadahiro MASAKI et al.

Serial No.: 09/871,706

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For: PROTECTIVE DIFFUSION FILM, PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME, SURFACE LIGHT SOURCE  
DEVICE, AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please enter the following specification changes as noted below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 9, 10 and 12-16 below:

3. (Amended) The protective diffusion film according to  
claim 1, wherein the surface of the protective diffusion layer  
has a ten-point mean roughness Rz of 0.5 to 6  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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